

# Weekly Construction Update

Dec 22 - 26, 2014



## Minnesota State Capitol Restoration Project

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### What's New on Site this Week?

#### Exterior

- Work will begin on the Quadriga level exterior.
- Temporary heated restrooms are available outside the Ground Floor south entrance.

#### Interior

- Public access floor maps will be installed on each floor of the Capitol building to help guide visitors to their destinations.

### Continuing Activities

#### Exterior

- Main roof repair efforts are wrapping up for the season.
- North Wing: Marble repair and restoration continues.
- West Wing: Marble repair and restoration continues.

#### Interior

- Underground work intensifies through mid-December.
- Demolition activities continue.
- Basement: Concrete slab removal and foundation underpinning continues. Miscellaneous asbestos removal continues. Mechanical, electrical, plumbing installation continues.

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### Anticipated Noise and Disturbances

#### Exterior

- Expect noise, machinery, workers, scaffolding, closed sidewalks.

#### Interior

- Underground noise, vibration and corridor reconfiguration intensifies through mid-November.

### Looking Ahead – Three Weeks Out

#### Exterior

- Lot F, the new Transportation Building parking ramp, opens this month.
- Session ambassadors will help guide visitors through the Capitol building at the beginning of session.

#### Interior

- Structural demolition uses large saws. As the work moves through the building there will be some new noises.
- Construction activity accelerates through December.

#### Featured Notice

**Public access resumes in the basement tunnel. West  
Elevator Service now available at the basement level.**

# Images of the Week

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Deteriorated acanthus leaves are being removed from this column capital. New, freshly-carved ones will take their place.



Scaffolding is being installed on the Quadriga level in preparation for repair work.

## Questions or Comments?

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To browse planning and communications documents about this project visit the [Minnesota State Capitol Preservation Commission website](#).



# Getting Around The Capitol

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### What to Expect

*The Capitol is an active construction site and your safety is our number one priority. Please stay within the designated public areas.*

#### Interior

- Restrooms are very limited.
- Expect to see temporary walls where construction is present.
- Expect construction workers and machinery, noise and vibration.
- The basement tunnel is open to the public. Temporary corridors will slightly reconfigure day-to-day to accommodate work areas. Signage will guide you through the corridors.
- An audio recording helps blind and low-vision employees navigate the Capitol tunnel as they enter the Capitol basement from the State Office Building.

#### Exterior

- Expect scaffolding, chain link fences, machinery, noise, workers and closed sidewalks.

### What's Open

- Entrances: South Main Entrance at the Capitol steps. The accessible Ground Floor Entrance is under the South Main Entrance steps.
- West Wing: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> floors. Entire North Wing.
- Basement tunnel is open to the public.
- West elevator, adjacent to South Main Entrance, is open with service to all floors.
- Public Restrooms: Unisex restrooms available on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors. Temporary heated restrooms are available outside the Ground Floor south entrance in the Porte Cochere area.

### What's Closed

- Entrances: East Wing, West Wing, University Ave (north side of building).
- Capitol Rotunda
- East Wing: All floors.
- West Wing: Ground, 1<sup>st</sup> Floors.
- Quadriga
- NE circular stairs: Closed to the public, except for emergencies.
- East elevator: Closed to all floors.

Learn the latest about parking, accessibility, news, and FAQs. Visit the [Minnesota State Capitol Restoration Project website](#).